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Title: Need for fencing of international border from Tripura to West Bengal.

SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH (TEZPUR): Madam Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to speak on this very important issue relating to Assam and other Northeast States.

Madam, there is a 4046 km. long border between India and Bangladesh starting from Tripura to West Bengal. This border is an open border. The open border has been the encouraging factor for infiltration of Bangladeshis. About one crore estimated Bangladeshis have infiltrated into India. There is a smuggling of cattle and other items from India to Bangladesh. Just imagine, last year, the number of total cattle smuggled was 23 lakh!

Now, there is a tremendous increase in *jihadi* activities in Assam. Those *jihadis,* who are intruding from Bangladesh, operating in Bangladesh, are also making Assam their playfield. So, I would request the Government of India to fully seal the border between India and Bangladesh, which is 4,046 kilometre long so that the infiltration of Bangladeshis, who are smuggling items and cattle, is stopped; and also the infiltration of *jihadis* can be stopped immediately.

Madam, Assam is, now, suffering the adverse impact of *jihadis.* There have been training camps running of *jihadis* in various villages and other areas in Assam. So, the border fencing should be as good as between India and Pakistan.

When Pakistani border can be sealed totally and not a single infiltrator is allowed to cross to India, why should the Bangladesh border with India be kept open, which is not in the interest of Assam, and not in the interest of the whole of India?

So, Madam Speaker, I would humbly request the Government of India to take stern action to seal these borders. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER:

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Shri Alok Sanjar,

Dr. Kirit P. Solanki,

Shri Bhairo Prasad Mishra,

Shri C.P. Joshi,

Shri Sudhir Gupta,

Shri Rodmal Nagar,

Shri Sharad Tripathi,

Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel and

Kumari Shobha Karandlaje are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Ram Prasad Sarmah. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Now. Dr. Boora Narsaiah Goud – Not present.

Now, Shri Anwhar Raajhaa